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## Crimestoppers offers up to \$5,000 reward in ongoing Elba, Ala. murder investigation

by Linda Hodge, Editor



Donta Rogers

Elba Police continue to seek help in solving the January 16, 2020 murder of Donta Jaquin Rogers, and announced this week that the Central Alabama CrimeStoppers division is offering a cash reward of up to \$5,000 for a tip that results in the capture and conviction of the person(s) responsible for killing Rogers.

Elba Police Chief Leslie Hussey said the murder occurred during the early morning hours of Jan. 16th when an unknown person or persons went to 617 Putnam Street in Elba. He said Rogers was shot at that location. He later died at a Montgomery, Ala. hospital due to the gunshot wounds.

Hussey said the unknown suspect(s) fled the scene by unknown means or direction.

Rogers was 26-years-old

other electronic device to provide information privately to CrimeStoppers, which in turn, reports that information to the Elba Police Department keeping the informant anonymous. If using the P3-tip app, be sure to receive a Tip ID and Password in order to dialog with investigators in case there are follow-up questions.

One may also use CrimeStoppers new 800 number, 1-833-AL1-STOP.

Again, a tip that leads to the capture and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Donta Rogers can lead to up to a \$5,000 cash reward for the tipster.

Chief Hussey said this remains an active homicide investigation, and he hopes the new cash reward being offered by CrimeStoppers will assist the department in making an arrest for Rogers' murder.

at the time of his death.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide investigation is urged to immediately call the Elba Police Department [897-2555] or CrimeStoppers using the 24-hour tip line at 215-STOP [7867]. Also,

anyone can download the CrimeStoppers P3-tip app for their phone, computer or



The Elba Fire Department assisted Zion Chapel Fire with this mobile home fire in the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 17. The home was a total loss, but the occupants of the home escaped without injury. Five Star VFD also responded to the scene.

## Elba firefighters responded to multiple calls last week

Between the early morning hours of Tuesday, March 17, and the night of Wednesday, March 18, firefighters with the Elba Fire Department responded to six different fire calls.

At approximately 2:38 a.m. Tuesday, March 17, Elba Fire assisted the Zion Chapel Fire Department with a residential structure fire on Coffee County Road 349, north of Elba. According to information released by the department, upon arrival on scene to serve as mutual aide, the firefighters found a double-wide mobile home heavily involved in fire with multiple vehicles also exposed to the fire and burning.

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The council members each expressed their appreciation to Jones for her dedicated service to her district and Elba. They said she would be missed greatly.

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After Jones announced her resignation from the board due to her job moving with council member AR Williams, with a second from council member Gappa

received another call for a structure fire on Highway 84 at County Road 515. This call came in at 6:55 a.m. last Wednesday.

Two Elba FD engines and one New Brockton Engine responded to this scene. Upon arrival for this second structure fire, Elba Fire found the fire to already be out, and the scene was turned over to the New Brockton Police Department as firefighters returned to County Road 518.

Elba Firefighters had not long returned from the County Road 518 fire when they were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident with injuries and a reported entrapment on Hwy. 189 N, just above County Road 354, at 10:03 a.m. last Wednesday morning. Upon arrival on this scene, the firefighters found a single

The firefighters supplied water and manpower for fire suppression. Fort Rucker firefighters from Stinson Stagefield also responded to provide manpower.

While still on scene for the County Road 518 structure fire, New Brockton Fire

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## Elba Water and Electric Board addresses past due bills for month of March

On Monday night, March 23, the ongoing COVID-19 crisis in Alabama and across the nation reached the Elba Water and Electric [W&E] Board as the board considered what to do about past due water and electric bills for the month of March.

Board chairman Tim Johnson said Monday was supposed to have been the day to pull electric meters for those that had not paid their bill this month; however, he said due to the ongoing crisis the decision had been made to wait until after the W&E board meeting to allow the board to address the matter first. He said city hall had been receiving lots of calls from customers indicating they could not pay the bill this month due to the coronavirus pandemic.

After a lengthy discussion, the board chose to work with these customers pending reasonable arrangements for payment could be made.

Board member Rolanda Jones made a motion to hold off on pulling meters until Monday, March 30, pending city officials could come to a reasonable payment arrangement with the past due customers. The motion further said if the arrangements are agreed upon by Friday, March 27, the meters would not be pulled. If no arrangements were agreed upon, the meters of those past due customers would be pulled Monday, March 30th. Also, the motion called for the reconnect fees to be waived once bills are paid on meters that are pulled.

The motion received a second from board member Barry Giles, and it passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Johnson said a special meeting of the board possible could be called in early April to discuss how to handle past due bills next month too, if this pandemic continues to affect the nation, state and local area.

## Coffee County BOE accepts resignation of NBES principal on split vote

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education met Wednesday, March 18, for a called meeting of the board, and several personnel matters were approved by the board, including the acceptance of a principal resignation.

Superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said Dr. Jason Hadden, principal at New Brockton Elementary School, had submitted his resignation to be effective June 30, 2020. The board

approved this resignation; however, it was by a split vote. Voting against accepting the resignation were board members Larry Eddings, Eric Payne and Wendy Massey. The four 'yes' votes came from board members Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, Brandi Carr, and Mike Bailey.

No one offered any comments explaining the split vote on this matter.

On the matter of principals, the board voted to approve a recommendation from the superintendent to

employ Matt Barton, principal at Zion Chapel School, as a contract principal rather than a probationary principal. This matter passed by unanimous vote.

Additional personnel matter recommended by Killingsworth and approved by the board included:

- Non-renewal of probationary employees at the end of this school year – Jacob Nawlin and Jonathan Deveridge, both teachers at Zion Chapel School;

- Accept the resignations of five teachers, effective

the end of the school year, including – Amanda Zorn, special education teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Nina Williams, teacher at New Brockton Elementary; Lida Claunch, teacher at New Brockton High; Jon Chynoweth, band director at Zion Chapel School; and Madison Carpenter, elementary teacher at Zion Chapel School;

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With Ferrin Cox

*"In every crisis, doubt or confusion, take the higher path of compassion, courage, understanding and love." — Amit Ray*

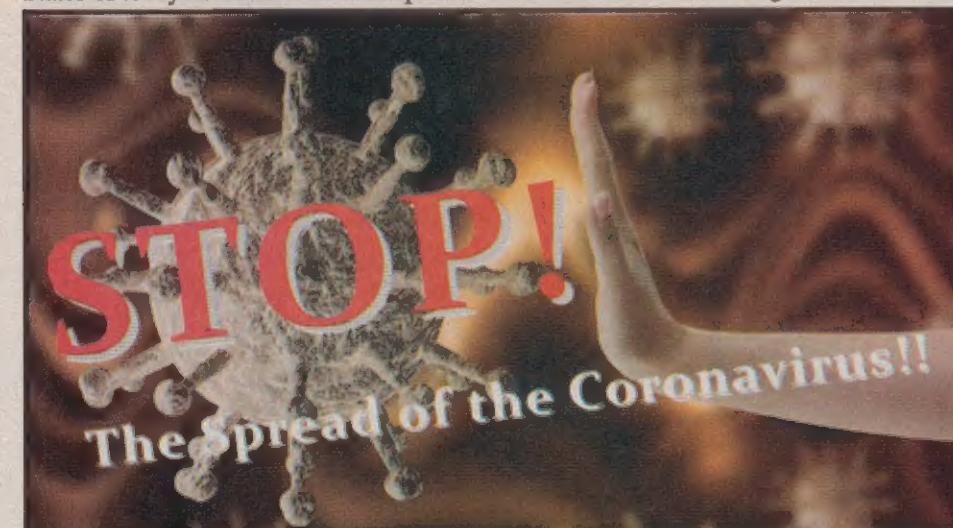
The 61-year-old NBC News employee that died with coronavirus last week was clearly a # one guy. We should all live our life to warrant our family hearing such nice things about us when our time on this earth ultimately ends. The same for the guy in a chain store parking lot reportedly giving away free rolls of toilet paper to folks who couldn't find any to buy in their local supermarket. "I just want to help people," he explained.

The good news out of Argentina is that the strict quarantine imposed by the government does not restrict the services of the tooth fairy. This was a great relief to a young child who had just lost his first baby tooth and already had plans for the prize he expected.

Be careful when gleaning Coronavirus information off of social media sites. We have often seen conflicting and downright wrong advice on how to handle the potential exposure to the pandemic. Reputable ethical medical experts are also warning that self-serving companies have been releasing advice that is untested (at best) in an effort to promote their own sales – regardless of the ultimate success of the product. Early on we opted to pass on to our readers information from known and respected sources such as the state medical office, Center for Disease Control (CDC), FEMA, Coffee County Emergency Management, places like UAB, and other established medical centers, etc. One thing all the good ones stress is WASH YOUR HANDS, often and thoroughly and once more! Then STAY HOME if possible!

The whole world is in a turmoil but we can depend on our American politicians to still find time for their ritual party politics, at whatever cost, even the very lives of the people they were elected to protect. Now, if you are bad mouthing the Democrats, we agree completely. If you are bad mouthing the Republicans, we understand your frustrations as well. It is long past time to put this crap aside and attend to the business at hand.

There are many good books to read and if you are at home and bored. Pick up a good book and immerse yourself. If you like novels then it is easy to imagine yourself in that story plot. If you share our addiction to good history authors, man the world is awaiting you! We are rereading Jon Meacham's 'The Soul of America' and this time we actually read the introduction and it is powerful. That alone is worth reading his books. It is another of several successful books on our country, government, etc., he has authored. This Pulitzer prize winning historian has truly grasped the Soul of America. While he probably steps on all our toes somewhere in the book, it is both sobering and comforting to read of the many rough times in American history and just how we came back to reality and the whole country was better for the experience. Time and time again we saw the United States of today in those historical reports.



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## EDITORIAL

### Alabama Department of Public Health establishes statewide hotline

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has activated a statewide informational hotline and a general information e-mail address to field questions from the public about the

novel coronavirus COVID-19.

The addition of a hotline for general questions will give the public the ability to speak with someone who can direct them to information that will lead

to better informed decisions to protect their health.

The toll-free hotline and e-mail address are as follows:

- COVID-19 General Information 800-270-7268

Telephone calls are answered from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. daily.

- The COVID-19 General Information Email address covid19info@adph.state.al.us

http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/cov-faq.html

We encourage the public to visit the website.

### EVENT DATE

### CHANGE:

The 2nd Annual Spring Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show will be held Saturday, May 9, in downtown Elba!

### Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, March 17, and Monday, March 23, conducted the following activity:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17** — Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Claxton Ave (11:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Claxton Ave (12:03 p.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Payne St (1:07 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18** — Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Carver Dr (10:40 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint on Cedar Lane Dr (11:20 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Ann St (4:05 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Hwy 84 (8:21 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic

accident at Hwy 189 N and County Rd 354 (9:57 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint on Ann St (10:32 a.m.); Officers responded to a complaint of suspicious circumstances on Sunset Blvd (10:16 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Brunson Circle (10:34 p.m.).

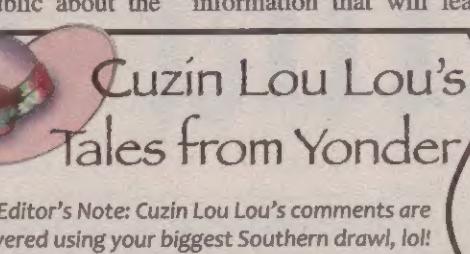
**THURSDAY, MARCH 19** — Officers responded to a prowler complaint on E Davis St (2:00 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Brunson Circle (2:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Ann St (4:05 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Hwy 84 (8:21 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20** — Officers responded to a traffic accident at the Dollar General store (5:48 a.m.); Officers responded to a woods/grass fire at Herman Driggers Drive and Flatts Dirt Rd (11:58 a.m.); Officers responded to a disturbance at a residence on Forest Ave (2:06 p.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at the Elba Laundromat (3:37 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21** — Officers took an assault report from a complainant at the police department (4:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint on Forest Ave (11:38 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on E Davis St (3:46 p.m.); Officers responded to a gas drive-off complaint at the Elba Citgo station (5:26 p.m.); Officers responded to a fight complaint on Cedar Lane Dr (10:15 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22** — Officers responded to the report of an assault on Smith Ave (12:43 a.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on Taylor Ave (8:22 a.m.); Officers responded to a theft of property complaint on Smith Ave (3:55 p.m.).

**MONDAY, MARCH 23** — Officers responded to a harassing communications complaint on Caroline St (9:49 a.m.); Officers responded to a shoplifter complaint at the Elba Food Giant (11:22 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident at 1064 Claxton Ave (12:37 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Hwy 166 (5:28 p.m.); Officers responded to a prowler complaint on the Troy Hwy (8:45 p.m.); Officers advised a theft of property complainant from the police department (9:49 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Brunson Circle (10:27 p.m.).



Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's comments are best delivered using your biggest Southern drawl, lol!

Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister have been a little upset this week... You see, Thursday, March 26, is Papa's birthday. While that itself is not a sad matter, Lou Lou and Sister are upset that for the first time in their adulthood, they won't be able to take Papa to his restaurant of choice for his birthday dinner.

Now, don't misunderstand. Lou Lou and Sister accept the rules of the public health order in place and completely understand the need to close restaurant dining rooms during this difficult time relating to the COVID-19 pandemic [that still sounds like James Bond lingo to Lou Lou every time she says it].

It's just sad that they won't be able to take Papa out because it is a family tradition.

Truth is... they could fix Hamburger Helper and Papa would be happy just as long as he gets fed. The boy likes his food! But, the tradition is to allow the birthday boy or girl to pick his or her food place of choice on said birthday, and the other two do the treating.

Lou Lou and Sister have been on Papa for days now to decide — do we cook for you this year or do we get take-out from somewhere and bring it back home.

Papa is holding out and not making his decision known as of this writing, and Lou Lou is losing her patience on the matter.

Hopefully, by the time you are reading this Papa has let his choice be known. If not, you might see an ad next week for "One Papa for Sale from Somewhere Over Yonder!"

Probably not! But, it is an idea!

Jokes aside, if you see Papa on Thursday, March 26, wish him a big 'ole Happy Birthday! He will be 72 years old!!

If you don't see him out and about, it is probably because Lou Lou and Sister have continued to quarantine him! That in itself has been a task!

Telling Papa he is or isn't going to do something is like trying to get a stubborn mule to move on your demand rather than its own doing. Sister says Lou Lou gets her stubborn streak from Papa, so, one can imagine the standoff when both have set their feet in the dirt on a matter.

Despite it all, though, Papa is a good 'ole boy that would do just about anything for anyone in need, and he deserves a great birthday this week even if the COVID-19 might spoil the traditional plans a bit!

Until next time... God Bless, Wash Those Hands, and Keep Smiling!

### Temporarily Closed for Routine and Non-Urgent Dental Procedures!

In light of the unprecedented events occurring in our nation today, and by recommendation of the Alabama Department of Public Health as well as the Alabama Board of Dental Examiners, the dental office of Dr. Timothy Jackson will be temporarily closed for routine and non-urgent dental procedures.

**Dr. Timothy Jackson will continue to see and treat patients on an emergency basis only.**  
**Any pressing dental emergencies may seek assistance by calling the office at (334) 897-3418.**

Hopefully this closure will be short-lived, and the office will reopen within two to three weeks.

We are still available to serve the dental needs of Elba and the surrounding areas!

Thank You for Your Patronage, Patience, and Understanding during this time of Uncertainty.

As always, brush your teeth, wash your hands, and flatten the curve!

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**FIRE**

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vehicle off the roadway with damage after hitting a utility pole.

The occupant of the vehicle had managed to get out of it before responders arrived on scene. Firefighters provided patient care until medics with Haynes Ambulance could arrive on scene.

At 12:47 p.m., Elba Fire again responded to the scene of the early morning fire on County Road 518 to provide water and manpower assistance for New Brockton Fire. This was to extinguish flare ups and hotspots from the earlier fire.

The final call of the day for Elba Firefighters last Wednesday came at 6:17 p.m. when the department was dispatched to County Road 353 to assist the Bullock Volunteer Fire Department with a fully involved vehicle fire. The Elba firefighters assisted with fire suppression and the application of AFFF Foam, along with a dry chemical extinguishing agent to fully extinguish all fire caused by burning gasoline from the vehicle.

Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker noted that five of the six total calls Elba firefighters assisted with last week were mutual aid calls, and he said the department owes a huge debt of gratitude to Elba's city leaders for allowing the department to help neighboring departments and communities.

"Our city leaders truly see no boundary lines when it comes to emergency services response, and for that we are grateful," Parker said.

He said each of these incidents were handled through great team work of all involved. Parker extended thanks to all the first responders that worked together on these fires, from other fire departments, law enforcement officials, emergency medical responders, and others.

**Due to current COVID-19 concerns****Covington Electric CoOp postpones annual meeting**

Due to serious concerns relating to the COVID-19 coronavirus, the CEC board of trustees made the unprecedented decision to postpone this year's annual meeting. The meeting was originally scheduled for April 9, 2020.

CEC is mindful that it operates a critical infrastructure that provides essential electric service to its members. This is a responsibility the co-op takes very seriously and that is why it is taking important measures to help ensure the reliable electric service CEC provides is not compromised during this national crisis.

Some of these measures include restricting employee travel outside the CEC service area; canceling Relay For Life team fund-raisers; postponing the CEC annual meeting; advising all employees who are not feeling well to stay home; and distributing information on best practices for staying healthy.

This year the CEC board elections will be conducted through mail-in confidential ballots that will be mailed to every CEC member with active electric accounts. CEC members can expect to receive their election ballot packets in the mail around the April/May 2020 time frame. Completed ballots will be mailed directly to an independent tabulator in a pre-addressed, postage-paid secrecy envelope where they will be tallied.

The results will be communicated through Alabama Living and through the CEC website. All members who complete and return their ballot packet using the pre-addressed envelope by the stated deadline will receive a \$15 bill credit and be placed in a



**Elba Fire was dispatched to assist Bullock Fire with this truck fire Wednesday, March 18, at 6:17 p.m. The fire was on County Road 353, and the truck was fully engulfed in flames when fire departments arrived on scene.**

**Election moved to July 14, 2020**

**Governor Ivey announces new Primary Runoff Election Date**

Governor Kay Ivey last week announced the Primary Runoff Election now would be held on July 14, 2020 due to the concerns surrounding the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.

Ivey said the ability to hold free and fair elections is an inherent right as citizens of the United States and the great state of Alabama, but the safety and wellbeing of Alabama citizens is paramount. She added that State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris recommending social distancing and refraining from public gatherings of more than 25 individuals. Maintaining a 6-foot distance between one another is paramount.

"Delaying the election to July 14 is not a decision I came to lightly, but one of careful consideration," Ivey said. "I appreciate the guidance of Attorney General Steve Marshall and Secretary of State John H. Merrill. "It is critical that we provide a safe and secure environment for all 3,585,209 voters in the State of Alabama to participate in the electoral process."

The Secretary of State is encouraging anyone who is concerned about contracting the virus or spreading the illness may vote by absentee. For information regarding voter registration, locating a polling place, or how to obtain an absentee ballot, please contact the Secretary of State's website.

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The results will be communicated through Alabama Living and through the CEC website. All members who complete and return their ballot packet using the pre-addressed envelope by the stated deadline will receive a \$15 bill credit and be placed in a

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ment Act to declare a state of emergency as a result of the current pandemic," Marshall said. "Accordingly, she also has the lawful ability to postpone a primary runoff election to protect public health and safety during the state of emergency."

Upon the governor's issuance of the amended State of Emergency proclamation rescheduling the Primary Runoff Election to be held on July 14, 2020, the Secretary of State shall give notice and provide the amended Administrative Calendar, via certified mail and email, to all applicable election officials.

"I am grateful to Governor Ivey and General Marshall for their proactive leadership, sincere dedication, and spirit of teamwork displayed during these trying times," said Secretary of State John H. Merrill. "It is critical that we provide a safe and secure environment for all 3,585,209 voters in the State of Alabama to participate in the electoral process."

The Elba Water and Electric Board also will be tasked with filling the vacancy at a later meeting.

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elementary teacher for Kin-  
ston; Kristen Clay, teacher  
and head volleyball coach  
for New Brockton High;  
William Kyle Ozier, teacher  
at New Brockton High;

Margery Arnold-Zimmer-  
man, teacher at New Brock-  
ton High; Katie Kelley,  
teacher at New Brockton Ele-  
mentary; Allison Snell,  
teacher at New Brockton Ele-  
mentary; Evan Harvin,  
teacher at New Brockton Ele-  
mentary; Nicole Senn,  
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teacher at Zion Chapel; and

• Accept the resignations  
of three classified person-  
nel members, effective the  
end of the current school  
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Adams, lunchroom worker  
at New Brockton Ele-  
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**Obituaries**Death notices updated regularly on our website at <[www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)>**SHIRLEY ANN SASSER KELLEY**

Mrs. Shirley Ann Sasser Kelley, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, March 19, 2020, at her home in Elba.

Graveside services were held March 21, 2020 from the Bluff Springs Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Joe Farris, Rev. Elbert Smith, and Rev. Leon Fortune officiating. Hayes Funeral Home directed the services.

Survivors include her husband: Levy Curtis Kelley; daughters: Sherry (Danny) Harrison, and Tabatha Hudson Emmmons, both of Elba; son: Brian Britt (Tracy) Miller, Elba;

brothers: John Grady (Pat) Sasser, and Charles (Sue) Sasser, both of Elba; sister: Christine Nelson, Opp, Ala.; granddaughters: Brandi (Keith) Smith, Opp, Anna Harrison, Washington, DC, Heather Hudson, Miramar Beach, Fla., Brittany Hudson, Destin, Fla., Kayla (Timothy) Hilburn, Elba, Kelly (Joe) Smith, New Brockton, Ala.; grandson: Bobby Hudson, Eufaula, Ala.; great-grandsons: Matthew Smith, Opp, Hunter Hilburn, Elba; great-granddaughters: Reagan Smith, and Cassidy Brooke Smith, both of Opp, Ava Sansom, Miramar Beach, Sydney Smith, and

Natalie Smith, both of New Brockton.

**SUE ELLEN MESSICK**

Mrs. Sue Ellen Messick, age 76, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, March 19, 2020, at her home in Elba.

Graveside services were held March 23, 2020 from the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Messick was preceded in death by her father - James O. Davis Sr., mother - Eddie Nell Davis Kelley, and a son - Ricky Wayne Messick.

Survivors include her sons: Jonas DaWayne Messick and Rex DeWayne Messick, both of Elba; sister: Sandra Lee Ramuchek, Prattville, Ala., and a special friend: Ginger Reeves, Elba.

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Luca Blackburn, Pre-K instructional aide at New Brockton Elementary.

Also during the meeting, the superintendent provided an in-depth update to board members on things the school system would be doing during the 'shutdown' of schools in Alabama due to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure the schools are properly disinfected and sanitized in preparation for when students can return to the classrooms.

At the meeting, Killingworth said the estimated return to school date was still Monday, April 6, but he said that could very well be extended as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to plague the nation and state. The next regular meeting for the Coffee County Board of Education is set for Thursday, April 9, at 5:30 p.m.

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We're unprepared to die. What will happen to your loved ones if you die tomorrow? Do you have outstanding debts or house payments they will have to deal with? Will you be leaving them any money to address funeral and burial expenses? Often, we feel unprepared for death, and frankly embarrassed to burden our loved ones with this lack of preparation.

We feel guilty asking others to do things for us. Talking about death often means talking to loved ones about how they can assist us in the event of our death. This can lead to feelings of guilt.

We fear family arguments. What if your funeral wishes or end-of-life decisions differ from the thoughts or beliefs of your family members? Many of us feel discussing so important a topic can lead to rifts with the people we love.

We're frightened to die. Of course, many of us are uncomfortable with the uncertainty and the finality of death. Even those of intense religious faith may feel uncomfortable discussing their own mortality.

We don't want to upset anyone. Talking about death can be uncomfortable for everyone—and broaching it with a close loved one can be traumatic or simply awkward.

For all of these things, though, just remember: Talking about death can be uncomfortable, but it is nothing compared to the burden of losing a loved one having never discussed these important issues. Talking about death is the only way to provide peace of mind—for yourself, and for the people you care about.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayestfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayestfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Pastor's Corner

by Tonia Lewis, Benevolence Counselor  
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When a king gets angry at his queen and sends her packing, his number one priority must be to find a replacement. Just as we have been looking for a "new and better" through scripture, so was King Xerxes.

What better way to queen search than to bring the most beautiful single women in the neighborhood to your house for spa day... or in this case spa months. One of these local ladies was a Jewish woman named Esther. However, Esther left off that "Jewish" part in her interview and became the new queen.

King Xerxes' right-hand man was named Haman. Haman did not like the Jews—specifically Esther's Jewish uncle. So, Haman tricked the king into signing a law that all Jews were to be killed. Needless to say, without someone to stand up for the Jews, they would all soon be dead. They needed a savior!

Queen Esther knew that the only hope of her people being spared was for her to talk to her husband. She bravely stood up for her people before the king. King Xerxes graciously reversed the law and the lives of the Jewish people were saved. A happy ending, right?

Queen Esther truly is an amazing Old Testament heroine. She was obedient to God's command and risked her own life to save her people. She was certainly a savior to the Jewish people.

Weave one last thread over to the New Testament. Because of our sins our lives are in as much jeopardy as those of the Jews in Esther's story.

We, too, should be urgently seeking a savior. Without someone standing up for us we are hopelessly headed for eternal death. "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

But God had a plan. A perfect plan. His name is Jesus. Just as Esther stood in the place of her people before the king, Jesus stood in our place.

Every cut that He received, every harsh word hurled at Him, every nail piercing that He endured is what each of us deserve. Because He stood in our place, we are saved. His sinless blood has covered all of the sins of those who believe and trust in Him. Therefore, we are spared from eternal Hell.

Jesus is our new and better Esther. He is our perfect Savior. That is the happiest ending imaginable!

After four weeks of sewing, I hope that your needle is sharper and that you continue to lace the Old Testament threads directly to Jesus.

### EVENT DATE CHANGE Notice!

The Coffee County NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet that was set for Saturday, April 4, in Enterprise, Ala., has been rescheduled to Saturday, June 13th.



**COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study ... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship ... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities) ... 6:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rocky Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.**  
Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Philip Box, Minister  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AME CHURCH**  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship ... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dale Morgan, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning ... 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Evening ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPT CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST**  
Rev. Remonia Smith  
Church Service ... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night ... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**  
Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study ... 6:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

**NEW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirlee Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Services ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Mark Vernon, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

**NEW ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Cary Mauldin, Pastor  
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service ... 7:00 p.m.

**THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba**  
Max Reed, Minister  
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

### Elba Community Food Bank

The Food Bank is here to help families and individuals in time of need. The Food Bank is NOT to replace local grocery stores, but to help with emergency food.



In an effort to help keep everyone well, we have moved to an **APPOINTMENT ONLY** operation.

If you need any help please call  
**334-897-2057**  
For an Appointment.

### Pleasant Ridge Cemetery meeting set for Saturday morning, March 28th

The annual Pleasant Ridge Cemetery Trust Fund meeting will be held this year on Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m.

All concerned people are urged to attend. Donations to help with the maintaining

### Governor Ivey delays state tax filings to July 15th

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Revenue announced this week that the state income tax filing due date is extended from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.

Taxpayers can also defer state income tax payments due on April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020, without penalties and interest, regardless of the amount owed. This deferral applies to all taxpayers, including individuals, trusts and estates, corporations and other non-corporate tax filers.

"This morning, I signed a supplemental State of Emergency order to allow the Alabama Department of Revenue to extend state tax filing and payment filings until July 15, 2020," said Governor Ivey. "It is imperative we reduce the burden upon Alabamians and get folks back on their feet financially. The safety and wellbeing of Alabamians is the paramount priority as we do everything within our power to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus."

Taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms or call the Alabama Department of Revenue to qualify for this automatic extension.

Other taxes included in the deadline extension are corporate income tax, the Financial Institution Excise Tax (FIET), and the Business Privilege Tax (BPT).

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## LIFESTYLES

**During ongoing COVID-19 crisis in state and nation**

### Coffee County Commission asks citizens to limit visits to offices & conduct business electronically or by mail

The Coffee County Commission urges citizens to be diligent in their efforts to stay informed and to participate in mitigation activities to help reduce the exposure and spread of COVID-19, commonly referred to as the Coronavirus.

It is important for everyone to observe basic practices to help minimize the impact of the virus. Among the most effective measures are consistently keeping your hands clean with sanitizer, washing with soap and water, avoid touching your face, covering coughs or sneezes, and staying home if you experience a fever and a cough or difficulty breathing.

If you develop a fever and symptoms such as a cough or difficulty breathing, please call your healthcare provider before seeking medical treatment. If you suspect you have COVID-19, call the Alabama COVID-19 24/7 hotline at 1-888-264-2256 for testing sites and hours of operation.

The Commission is working with all County officials to provide for public access to government resources and continuing services essential to public health and safety. Evaluations of public access to buildings are ongoing and may be modified based on Federal or State actions, as well as local conditions.

To minimize the risk of exposure to the public and our employees, effectively immediately, the following persons will not be allowed access to County buildings:

- Anyone who has traveled outside Alabama, or lives with someone who has traveled outside Alabama, in the past two weeks,
- Anyone who has been exposed to COVID-19,
- Anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine by a hospital or health agency, or
- Anyone who is experiencing fever or persistent cough.

Further, pursuant to the order of the State Health Officer, the number of persons allowed into any public office shall be limited until April 6, 2020.

The Commission encourages all citizens to conduct all transactions by mail, online or over the phone. If it is necessary to come to a County office, please limit any visits only to those persons essential to conduct a transaction and respect social distancing guidelines by standing at least six feet apart.

Information regarding County offices, and links to offices below, can be found online at [www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us). The vast majority of transactions (including payments, recording documents, and viewing documents or maps) can be conducted online. Please see the information below for specific offices or departments.

The Circuit Clerk's Office will continue to process payments and filings but will be available in person by appointment only. There will be a secure drop box outside of both locations for payments and documents. Please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at (334) 897-2954 (Elba) or (334) 347-2519 (Enterprise) for

bate Office may be accessed online through the County website ([www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us)) or directly at [www.coffeecoprobateal.org](http://www.coffeecoprobateal.org) and the Probate Office can be reached by phone at (334) 897-2211 (Elba) or (334) 347-2688 (Enterprise). Automobile and boat tags can be renewed by mail or online through the Probate website or directly at <https://renewyourtag.com/coffee>.

The Coffee County Highway Department can be accessed online through the County's website at [www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us) or by phone at (334) 894-6112.

The Sheriff's Department and Jail have implemented plans to ensure that law enforcement is not disrupted. Until further notice, both the Sheriff's Department and Jail are closed to the public. For more information regarding the Sheriff's Office and Jail, please visit the Sheriff's Office website either through the County website ([www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us)) or directly at [www.coffeeoso.us](http://www.coffeeoso.us) or call the Sheriff's Office at (334) 894-5535.

Additional announcements will be made as new information becomes available. In the meantime, the Commission recommends that citizens utilize the Alabama Department of Public Health's website at the following website for the most up-to-date information:

Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) COVID-19: <https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>

Questions related to recording documents can be addressed by calling the Probate Office at either location:

County Solid Waste bills may be paid online through the County website at [www.coffeecounty.us](http://www.coffeecounty.us) or over the phone at (334) 894-6600. If it is necessary to drop a payment off at the office, please utilize the drop slot in the door. If you

have any questions, please call the Probate Office at (334) 894-6600.

County Probate website: [www.coffeecoprobateal.org](http://www.coffeecoprobateal.org)

Simplifile: 800-460-5657 or [www.simplifile.com](http://www.simplifile.com)

CSC: 855-200-1150 or [www.eRecording.com](http://www.eRecording.com)

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I, Ronald L. Burns, Revenue Commissioner for Coffee County, by virtue of a decree rendered by the Probate Judge, Stephen E. Blair, of said county on February 25th, 2020 will proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, before the courthouse door in Elba, said county within the hours of legal sale on April 14th, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. the following described Real Estate for taxes and cost due thereon for the year 2019.

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BERRY LINDA 11-03-06-1-001-010.003	06/05/20E PLAT 1 PG 73	Printing Fees	16.44	RD 354 AND N R/W OF AL HWY 189, TH W 605.40', NE 553.44', SE'LY 805.70' TO P.O.B.	TH W 60' S 20' E 60' N 20' TO POB RES	Tax & Costs	222.22	300' TH S 200' TH W 300' TH N 200' TO POB	
BLK E LOT 8 CEDAR RIDGE S/D 2ND ADDN	Tax & Costs	42.76	12-01-12-000-047.000	Tax & Costs	139.17	Printng Fees	42.84	Tax & Costs	62.52
Printing Fees	21.00	Total	101.37	12/05/19E	Total	182.01	Printng Fees	44.16	
Total	63.76	HARRISON JOHNNIE 1/2 INT; DRIGGERS WILLI C/O RICK HARRISON	11-04-19-0-001-049.000	JAMES SIMMONS 11-03-08-2-001-020.001	NELSON JOHN & CHRISTINA	TAX & COSTS	106.68	Total	106.68
BLACK JASON 06-02-03-0-000-004.004	03/06N/20E COM AT INT OF E/R/W OF AL HWY 87 AND N/L OF SEC TH SW LY 65 0'S TO POB TH SE'LY 407.47' SW 210' NW 421.25' NE 210.45'	HWY 125 TH NE ALG S ROW 370' TO POB TH NW 200' TH NE 100' TH SE 200' TO SD ROW TH SW ALG SDROW 100' TO POB RES	AS BEG 409'S OF INT HWY 84 & W ROW LARKIN RD TH W 200' S 90' E 200' N 90' TO POB IN ELBA RES	S/T/R-08/05N/20E BRUNSON ADD TO CITY OF ELBA BLK 2 W 1/2 OF LOTS 30 31 32 & 33 IN ELBA RES	TAX & COSTS	132.45	TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC C/O CINDY MENDEN-HALL 02-03-05-0-000-005.001		
TO POB MH,MH S	Tax & Costs	87.15	12-04-000-047.000	12/05/19E	Tax & Costs	383.00	S/T/R-05/07N/21E B E G AT SW COR NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 & TH E 1370'S, N 600', NW'L 100', SW'L 453.76', NW'L 346.94', NE'L 435.72', NW'L 73' S, SW'L 216.09', NW 218.99', NE 243.54', NW 187.83', W 586.28', S 1330'S		
Printing Fees	45.48	Total	243.38	A LOT	Printing Fees	15.78	TO P.O.B. CONT 30 AC 2 MH,BARN,2 MH S		
Total	132.63	HARTLEY DANIEL SHANE & VERNON	02-08-34-000-012.003	17/06N/21E COMM @ SW COR NE 1/4 OF SE 14/E 135' TO P.O.B. CONT E 390.4'; NW 390.4'; SW 262.5'/ ALG S R/W HWY 125 TH S 262.5' TO P.O.B RES	Tax & Costs	87.60	TAX & COSTS	690.70	
BRADSHAW EDDIE D & JO ANNE 11-06-23-0-000-003.001	S/T/R-03/23/05N/20E COM AT INT OF S R/W OF CO RD 501 AND E R/W OF CO RD 505, TH SW'L 1330'S TO P.O.B. SE 210', SW 210', NW 210', NE 210' TO P.O.B. CONT 1 AC MH S,MH,BARN	17/06N/21E COM @ INT E/L OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & N R/W CO RD 25; S'LY A LG RD 240' (S) TO POB N'LY 295'; S'LY 147.5'; S'LY 295'; N'LY ALG RD 147.5' TO POB MH,MH S	17/06N/21E BEG AT INT E/L OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & N R/W CO RD 25; S'LY A LG RD 240' (S) TO POB N'LY 295'; S'LY 147.5'; S'LY 295'; N'LY ALG RD 147.5' TO POB MH,MH S	S/T/R-17/03N/19E	Tax & Costs	205.16	SMITH PATRICIA R & DONALD G 06-09-32-0-000-006.000 S/T/R-32/06N/20E		
Tax & Costs	351.64	DECASTRO DONALD J 13-01-02-0-000-001.005	02-08-34-000-012.003	COMM @ SW COR NE 1/4 OF SE 14/E 135' TO P.O.B. CONT E 390.4'; NW 390.4'; SW 262.5'/ ALG S R/W HWY 125 TH S 262.5' TO P.O.B RES	Printing Fees	38.22	A LOT, PT OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4, DESC AS BEG ON WLY ROW OF GILMER ST 1 50' SE FROM S ROW SAMSON ST TH CONTSEY 52' TH SWLY 150' TH SELY 52' TH SWLY 9' TH NWLY 104' TH NELY 159' TO POB RES	TAX & COSTS	44.82
Printing Fees	34.26	Total	176.04	17/06N/21E BEG AT INT E/L OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & N R/W CO RD 25; S'LY A LG RD 240' (S) TO POB N'LY 295'; S'LY 147.5'; S'LY 295'; N'LY ALG RD 147.5' TO POB MH,MH S	Total	243.38	Total	735.52	
Total	385.90	HYSMITH LAURAL C/O D & INVESTMENTS LLC 11-03-08-2-001-009.000	02-08-34-000-012.003	17/06N/21E BEG AT INT E/L OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 & N R/W CO RD 25; S'LY A LG RD 240' (S) TO POB N'LY 295'; S'LY 147.5'; S'LY 295'; N'LY ALG RD 147.5' TO POB MH,MH S	Tax & Costs	87.60	TROY LAND INVESTMENTS LLC 02-03-05-0-000-005.002		
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• All Hospitals and Nursing Home/Long Term Care Facilities (including Assisted Living and Specialty Care

Assisted Living Facilities) shall prohibit visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations such as maternity and end-of-life.

• All elective dental and medical procedures shall be delayed.

"Despite our best efforts, the threat of the COVID-19 virus continues to spread and, unfortunately, we have not yet reached peak impact," Governor Ivey said. "While I am pleased that many of our citizens are self-regulating and are practicing social distancing, we want to ensure that Alabama is doing our part to flatten the curve."

She said the safety and wellbeing of Alabamians is paramount.

"As our state works in

The governor added, "Closing Alabama beaches is not a simple decision but one that I came to with the consultation of our elected officials along the coast and members of my administration. After many rounds of conversations with local leaders, in which we discussed several options, I have decided to close beach access in any form. Since we do not want to promote social gatherings, keeping the beaches open sends the wrong message to the public."

An updated order last Friday from the governor expanded the availability of child day care in the state as long as certain guidelines are followed.

"In order to keep Alabama going, we must keep Alabama businesses going to the best of our abilities. I fully support the restrictions of social or recreational gatherings of 25 people or less and strongly encourage individuals to maintain a six-foot distance," the governor said.

"However, this order was intended to apply to non-work-related gatherings, and employers should take all necessary steps to meet these

overdrive to respond to the Coronavirus pandemic, we are making decisions based on the best information we have in the moment," Ivey said. "I have no doubt that as this situation rapidly unfolds, decisions will need to be evaluated and amended."

Ivey added, "Let me be abundantly clear - I have no intention of slowing down our workforce through unnecessary, burdensome regulations. We will only be able to mitigate the risk of the virus through the efforts of our hardworking manufacturers that will produce life-sustaining supplies, our truckers who move these goods down the road, and our valued retailers that will make them available to our citizens."

The governor said her administration had been given clear instructions to do everything possible to ensure the continuity of government while being flexible and responsive to the needs of the state.

Dr. Harris said people who are not showing symptoms do not need to be tested. He said if one feels he or she is experiencing symptoms to call his/her primary doctor or the COVID-19 hotline to get instructions on what to do in order to be tested. The toll free hotline number is 888-264-2256, and this is operated 24/7.

The numbers on the confirmed cases in Alabama released Tuesday, March 24, at 10:30 a.m. showed the state at 215 confirmed cases. That has almost certainly increased since then.

State health officer Dr. Scott Harris added that Alabamians must cooperate, understand their actions affect

## PUBLIC NOTICES: (Continued from Page 6)

McClain Contracting Company, Inc. has completed the contract requirements for City of Elba Downtown Revitalization; CDBG Project No. LR-CM-PF-18-020.

ANY PERSONS HAVING A CLAIM FOR LABOR, MATERIALS, OR EQUIPMENT AGAINST THIS PROJECT SHOULD NOTIFY DeAnn Grantham, P.E., Southern Engineering Solutions, 201 E. Troy Street, Andalusia, AL; 334.222.1849 or City of Elba, 200 Buford Street, Elba, Alabama; 334.897.2333.

CONTRACTOR CONTACT:

McClain Contracting Company, Inc.  
105 Choctaw Street  
Andalusia, AL 36420  
3/12, 19, 26 & 4/2-pd

New Brockton Fire Department  
Request for Proposal

RECEIPT AND OPENING OF BIDS

The New Brockton Fire Department (Purchaser) requests bid proposals for the specified Self Contained Breathing Apparatus to be received by the Purchaser no later than

Date: April 15, 2020  
Time: 1:00 PM

METHOD OF BIDDING  
The Purchaser requests bid proposals for a set of Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope, bearing on the outside the name and address of the CONTRACTOR and the words "New Brockton Fire Department - SEALED BID FOR Self Contained Breathing Apparatus".

If forwarded by carrier, the sealed envelope must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to:

New Brockton Fire Department  
C/O Arnold Woodham  
Post Office Box 338  
New Brockton, AL 36351

Bid Opening will be at  
New Brockton Fire Department

If you have Question contact: Chief Arnold Woodham at 334-470-0014.

PREPARATION OF BIDS

Bids not submitted on the official bid forms and in the prescribed manner will be considered invalid and will be disqualified.

All costs must include freight, delivery, and assembly, where applicable. Proposals taking total exception to bid specifications will not be accepted.

Contractor must assure that any bid will be valid for a period of 60 calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

No bid will be considered

which requires the Purchaser to make a down payment or progress payment. A list of available options with pricing must be included.

The Purchaser reserves with right to evaluate bids that will meet their needs and may reject any and all bids with or without cause.

*Any references to manufacturer or brand names are for reference purposes only and are not intended to exclude products from other manufacturers. Equivalent products will be accepted; however product information should be included so a fair comparison to the specification may be made.*

The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 18, Township 5, Range 21, which lies North of the Elba and Enterprise Highway, and containing about 15 acres, more or less, situated, lying and being in the County of Coffee, State of Alabama.

**LESS AND EXCEPT:** A lot or parcel of land heretofore conveyed to Mr. E. G. Brunson (now owned by Grady T. Barefoot), described as: A lot or parcel of land in the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 5, Range 21 in Coffee County, Alabama and containing 3 acres, more or less, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of the property of Leon Roberts and wife, Foye Roberts, where the same joins the property of Grady Barefoot; thence North along the line for 831.5 feet; thence East for 120 feet; thence South 350 feet; thence East 60 feet; thence South 481.5 feet to the North margin of U. S. 84; thence West along the North margin of U. S. 84 for 180 feet to the point of beginning.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF MILFORD W. JOHNSON, Deceased.

CASE NO: PC2020-011

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary were granted, the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, to Jerry William Johnson and Milford Timothy Johnson as Personal Representatives/Co-Executors, respectively, of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased, who departed this life on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020, by the Hon. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jerry William Johnson  
Jerry William Johnson, Personal Representative/Co-Executor of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased

/s/ Milford Timothy Johnson  
Milford Timothy Johnson, Personal Representative/Co-Executor of the Estate of Milford W. Johnson, Deceased

3/26, 4/2 & 4/9-pd.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by

RICKY ONIEL STRICKLAND AND DERONDA STRICKLAND, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on November 24, 2015, and being recorded in the Office of the

Judge of Probate of Coffee

3/26, 4/2 & 4/9-pd.

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TRUST COMPANY

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Troy, Alabama 36081

MORTGAGEE

ALLEN C. JONES

202 W. Walnut Street

Troy, Alabama 36081

ATTORNEY FOR

MORTGAGEE

3/26, 4/2 & 4/9-pd.

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Troy Bank & Trust continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We are striving to operate our banks in a way to best serve our customers, our friends and neighbors, and at the same time protect the health and well-being of our loyal employees and their families. At this time, we will continue to keep our lobby open for your convenience and will do so as long as it is practical and not a health threat to you or our staff.

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## SPORTS NEWS

### Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

**Our grandson Lawson attended his Aunt Melanie's wedding last weekend and was a busy little man as he escorted his Nanny into the event and then doubled as a groomsman and got to walk in arm-in-arm with a junior bridesmaid from Ozark. He later got to show off his dance skills on the dance floor, and turned the long day and night into one to remember.**

**For what it is worth....**

\*\*\* I have been writing sports for over forty years and have seen games in various sports postponed because of hurricanes, tornado warnings, thunderstorms, floods and even once when a football field was under water. However, just when I thought I had seen it all here comes a worldwide virus that shut down all sports at all levels. April 6 is the target date for a return to the norm, but that date seems little more than wishful thinking as the virus continues to spread and more and more people test positive for the disease. Everyone in the world is praying that the virus will run its course and that medical professionals will find a cure and vaccine for the virus, but until they do it looks like all sports will be left on hold.

The current 'dead period' bans not only games in all spring sports, but also bans practices, conditioning and weight lifting at any school facility. The Alabama High School Athletic Association hasn't cancelled spring championships, yet, and can do nothing until the school officials make a decision about a return for the students. The fact the AHSAA has so far simply postponed the seasons instead of canceling them gives the players and fans hope, no matter how small.

\*\*\* The high school sports season drew to a close last Tuesday with a number of area teams in the midst of big seasons. In baseball, the Elba Tigers were 5-5 and looking to make a run in the post-season, while the Kinston Bulldogs owned a 6-1 record and were convinced they were heading back to the playoffs. Brantley and New Brockton struggled in last week's games, but had solid teams and were looking forward to spring break and getting back to the field after a much needed rest. In softball, Brantley and Kinston were both ranked in the 'Top 10' in the polls and were already looking ahead to the region and state tournaments, while New Brockton appeared to be the team to beat in its area, and Elba and Zion Chapel were looking forward to the spring break, some time away from the field, and a new start.

\*\*\* The coaching carousel has been spinning during the break in action with a number of schools naming new head football coaches. Scott Rials, who led Elba to a state title and led Luverne to the state finals in 2018, left Crenshaw County last week after being named the new head coach at 6A Baldwin County. Coach Rials boasts a 171-84 career record at four schools during his 23-year career, but will find the going tough down at Bay Minette as his Tigers must hit the field in region play against such powers as Saraland, Spanish Fort, Blount and McGill-Toolen. Over in Ozark, Carroll High introduced new head coach Patrick Plott with a fanfare that included the band playing the fight song. Plott left Auburn High after six years as defensive coordinator to take the Eagle post, and brings with him an impressive resume that includes an 86-27 record as a head coach, a state title at Pickens County and a 10-3 record at Greenville in one season. He inherits a program that has enjoyed recent success and a team filled with players that all know that hard work pays off.

\*\*\* In closing... the sports scene may be a little slow in the coming weeks. So, if you can think of a story worthy of publicity just let us know and we will give it a shot and give someone or something the publicity deserved.

### Elba Lady Tigers drop area softball openers

by Ricky Mularz,  
Sports Editor

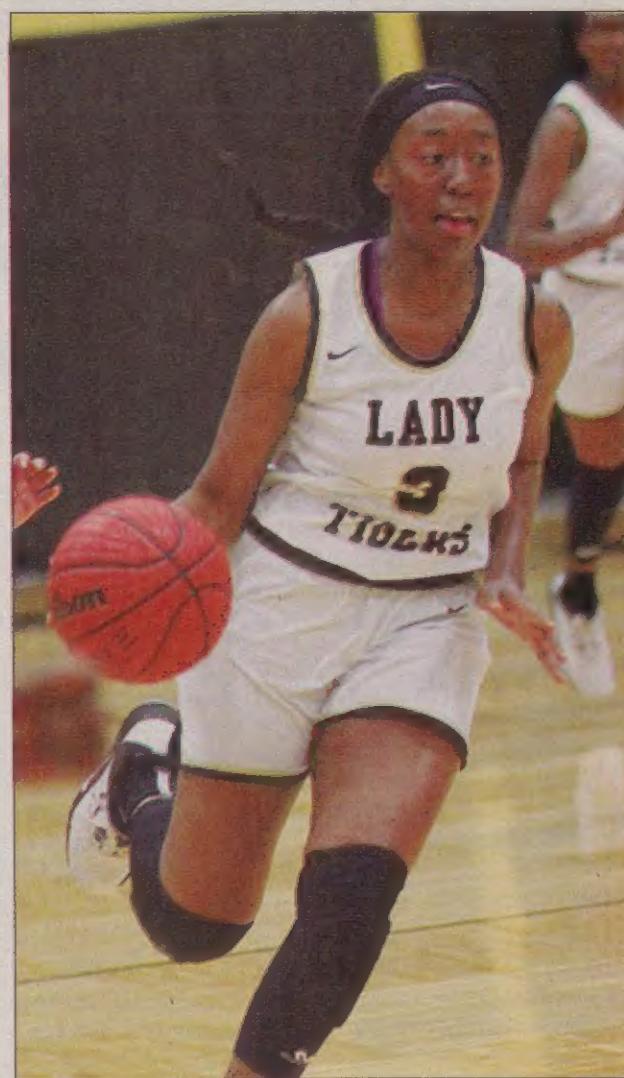
The Elba Lady Tigers hit the field twice last week in high school softball action and found the going a little too tough as they dropped area games to Kinston 10-0 and Brantley 17-0.

The Lady Tigers managed only one hit, a single by Zaida Williams, in the 10-0 loss to Kinston, while the Lady Bulldogs scored in every inning to claim the five inning win. Courtney Lunsford had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 RBI's to lead Kinston, while Kelsi Cardwell added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's, and Macie Smith pitched a five inning one-hitter with 12 strikeouts.

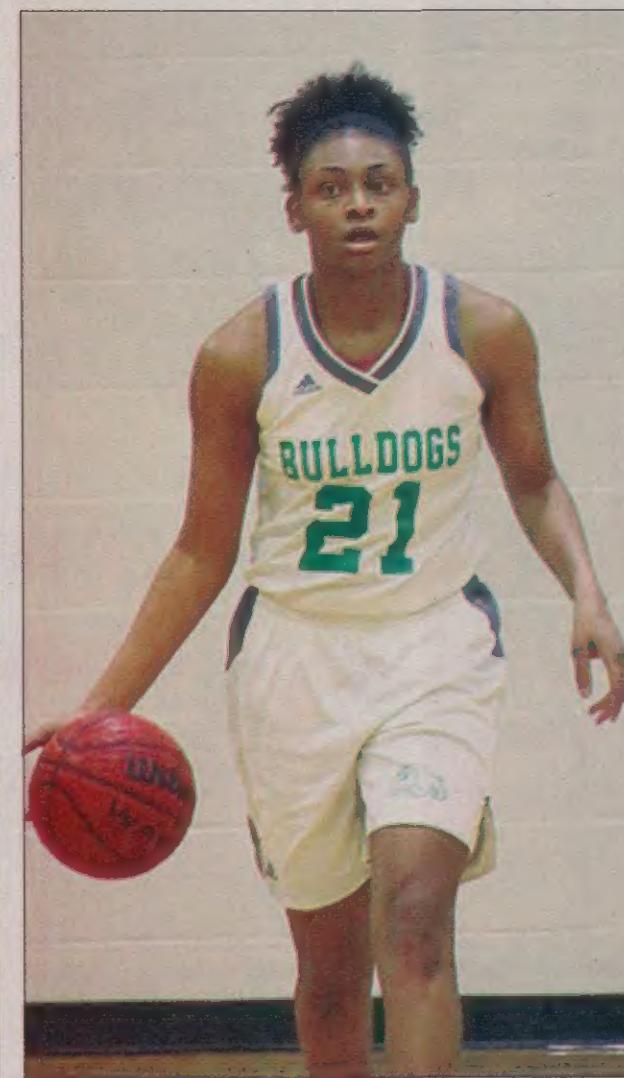
In the 17-0 three-inning loss to Brantley, the Lady Tigers managed only two hits, with Aimee Senn and Ayrika Caldwell both collecting singles. Kayden Dunn blasted two home runs, score 3 runs and knocked in 5 runs to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Sheonte Barginere added 2 hits, including a home run, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; Ainsley Watts added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and scored 1 run.



Elba Lady Tiger Zaida Williams reaches for a popup in recent high school softball action. The Lady Tigers owned a 1-7 record at last week's break in the action.  
(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



Elba sophomore Nina Williams



Brantley junior Gabby Perkins

### Elba and Brantley basketball standouts earn 2020 ASWA Class 1A 'All-State' honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has announced its 2020 'Girls All-State' basketball selections and included among the high school players named to the teams were Elba's Nina Williams and Brantley's Gabby Perkins. Williams, a 5-6, sophomore, earned honorable mention after helping lead the Lady Tigers to an appearance in the Final 4, and averaged 12.1 points, 5.9 rebounds, 2.6 assists and 2.1 steals per game.

Perkins, a 6-0, junior, was named to the second team, and averaged 19.8 points, 17.3 rebounds, and 4.0 assist per game in helping the Lady Bulldogs top an 11-11 record. She now has scored 1,256 points in her career and her top performances this season were 34 points and 22 rebounds.

Other area players named to the All-State list included

### Brantley Bulldog Billy Burnett earns 1A 'All-State' honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has announced its 2020 'Boys All-State' basketball selections and included on the statewide list is Brantley's Billy Burnett.

Burnett, a 6-2, senior, earned third team honors after helping lead the Bulldogs to a 18-6 record as he averaged 16.3 points, 7.8 rebounds, and 5.4 assists per game. He posted 10 double-doubles in 24 games.

Other area players earning 'All-State' honors included (Class 6A) second team - Eizseric Thomas, 6-4, senior, Eu-faula; honorable mention - Jabre Barber, 5-10, senior, Dothan; (Class 5A) third team - Jadakiss Anderson, 6-4, senior, Greenville; (Class 4A) second team - Patrick Burke, 6-1, sophomore, Headland; honorable mention - Elijah McClain, 6-1, senior, Andalusia; (Class 3A) first team - Andres Burney, 6-8, senior, Pike County; third team - Braydon Whitaker, 5-11, senior, Slocomb; (Class 2A) first team - J.D. Davison, 6-3, junior, Calhoun; first team - Raphael Williams, 6-6, senior, Barbour County; second team - Willie Screws, 6-4, senior, Barbour County; third team - Emmanuel Henderson, 6-2, sophomore, Geneva County; honorable mention - Tomas Hobdy, 5-10, sophomore, Daleville; (Class 1A) first team - Martavious Payton, first team, 6-6, senior, Georgiana; second team - Rashad Coleman, 5-10, junior, Florala.



Brantley Junior Billy Burnett

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## SPORTS NEWS



**Brantley Lady Bulldog Kayden Dunn** gets a fist pump from Coach Cindy Hawthorne after hitting a home run in last week's win over Elba. Dunn hit two home runs in the 17-0 win and drive in 5 runs.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)



**Kinston Lady Bulldog Kelsi Cardwell** is in the box and ready to hit in last week's 10-0 win over Elba.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)



**Elba Lady Tiger Leah Faircloth** squares to bunt in high school softball action last week. The Lady Tigers dropped two area games last week to enter the break with an 0-2 area slate.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

### *High School* \*\*\* Baseball \*\*\* Softball \*\*\* **DIAMOND DUST**

#### BASEBALL:

##### **Gamecocks claw Tigers 8-2**

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late to claim a big 8-2 win over the Luverne Tigers. Clay Cotney had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Russell Weeks and Garrett Zorn both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; CJ Wilkerson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and Ethan Stinson was the winning pitcher as he allowed four hits and no earned runs in seven innings on the mound, and struck out seven.

##### **Bulldogs fall to Purple Cats 8-4**

The Brantley Bulldogs saw an early 4-1 lead evaporate in an 8-4 loss to the Ariton Purple Cats. Adam Carlisle had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Samuel Tompkins added 2 hits and scored 1 run and Tucker Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Samuel Tompkins and Mark Nichols pitched for Brantley and surrendered 14 hits and seven earned runs.

##### **Kinston Bulldogs sweep Wildcats**

The Kinston Bulldogs swept an area doubleheader over the Florala Wildcats as they won the opener 19-8 and survived the nightcap 17-14.

In the opener, Kinston used a 3-run third inning to take the lead and never looked back to post the lopsided win. Owen Patterson had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and knocked in 3 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Colby Copeland added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Blayne Moore and Cale Sumblin both added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi. Jeb Crosby was the winning pitcher as he tossed 4 and 1/3 innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits.

In the nightcap, Kinston broke loose with five runs in the seventh inning to break a tie and held on for the wild win. Colby Copeland had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and knocked in 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Blayne Moore added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Tripp Hawthorne and Jeb Crosby both added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's. Kinston used five pitchers in the game, with Blayne Moore claiming the win as he pitched 2/3 of an inning and allowed two earned runs.

##### **Bulldogs edged by Bobcats 10-7**

The Brantley Bulldogs fell behind 6-2 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 10-7 loss to the Opp Bobcats. Bryce Dunn and Adam Carlisle both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Bulldogs at the plate, while Carson Jones added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Samuel Tompkins and Tucker Kilcrease both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Three Brantley pitchers combined to allow nine hits and nine walks.



**AVERY PADGETT** caught these bass recently while fishing at the Coffee County Lake.

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**Brantley Lady Bulldog Star Edwards** slaps the softball for an infield hit in last week's 17-0 area win over Elba.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

##### **Gamecocks caged by Tigers 8-7**

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall short in an 8-7 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Clay Cotney had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Ethan Stinson added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, and Russell Weeks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi.

##### **Gamecocks tripped by Tigers 7-3**

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw an early 2-0 lead vanish in a 7-2 loss to the Luverne Tigers. Andrew Cashin had 2 hits and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks at the plate, while Kaden Cupp added 2 hits and CJ Wilkerson added 1 hit and scored 2 runs.

#### SOFTBALL:

##### **Lady Rebels fall to Lady Cats 15-0**

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels managed only one hit in a 15-0 loss to the Ariton Lady Cats. Jady Thornton had 3 hits, including a home run, to lead the Lady Cats, while Caroline Hughes, Reagan Tomlin and Lilli Coker all added 3 hits.



**KEVIN SMITH** caught his 7 1/2 pound bass last Thursday while fishing from the bank on the dam at the Coffee County Lake.

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